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SUBJECT: PL 480 TITLE I FOR MADAGASCAR

REF: (A) TANANARIVE 0825; (B) TANANARIVE 0752

1. IN FURTHER FOLLOW-UP ON MALAGASY DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF MAY 3 REQUESTING FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON FOUR POINTS OF PROPOSED PL 480 TITLE I AGREEMENT, (REF A), EMBOFF MAY 7 CALLED ON DIRECTOR OF STUDIES RAKOTONDRA MASY AT FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. RAKOTONDRA MASY CONFIRMED SEC GEN OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT'S EXPLANATION OF MALAGASY CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN POINTS (A) AND (C) OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE. ON POINT (B) -- MALAGASY REQUEST FOR "FLEXIBILITY" ON RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORT OF RICE -- HE SAID MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES TO FEEL STRONGLY MADAGASCAR SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO EXPORT LIMITED QUANTITY OF RICE, PERHAPS 5-8,000 TONS, TO "TRADITIONAL" MARKETS. EMBOFF EXPLAINED RESTRICTION ON EXPORTS OF RICE WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH IN NEGOTIATING SESSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT APRIL 23, BUT PROMISED TO PASS ON RENEWED MALAGASY REQUEST FOR "FLEXIBILITY" ON RICE

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EXPORTS TO APPROPRIATE USG AUTHORITIES.

3. ON POINT (D) OF NOTE -- QUESTION OF REQUIRED PUBLICITY --
RAKOTONDRAMASY SAID MALAGASY WERE CONCERNED BY SECTION
103(1) OF U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT ACT,
WHICH SEEMED TO REQUIRE EXCEPTIONAL PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN
ON CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT AND ARRIVAL OF COMMODITIES. IN
REPLY TO QUESTION, HE SAID MALAGASY WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION
TO ISSUANCE OF COMMUNIQUE TO ALL LOCAL MEDIA AND PUBLICITY
"NORMALLY" GIVEN TO NEW ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS HERE, SUCH AS
ON OCCASION RECENT SIGNATURE OF \$3 MILLION USAID LOAN TO
MALAGASY RAILWAYS. (COMMENT: CONCLUSION OF AID RAILWAY
LOAN RECEIVED VERY GOOD PUBLICITY IN MADAGASCAR.) EMBOFF
SAID HE BELIEVED ISSUANCE OF COMMUNIQUE AND REASONABLE
PUBLICITY GIVEN THEM, SUCH AS ACCOMPANIED SIGNING OF
AID LOAN, WOULD MEET REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE III, SEC. I OF
DRAFT AGREEMENT, BUT OFFERED TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION.
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